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1. Hotels in Karlovy Vary.

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SEVASTOPOL (formerly WASHINGTON) - at present unoccupied, allegedly to be opened at the start of the season for Czech workers needing sea treatment.

SANS SOUCI

- ditto

PUSHKIN (formerly LUXOR)

- ditto

GOETHE

- ditto

VENEZUELA

- ditto

RICHMOND

- a sanitarium for Russians. The hotel bears a large sign "MZ SSSR". (The meaning of the letters MZ unknown)

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POST

- an Army House (armadni dum).

MOSKVA (formerly PUPP)

- reserved for Czech Army Officers in need of spa treatment.

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IMPERIAL

- at present vacant; allegedly to be opened festively on 1 May 1955. This hotel is the property of the Russians who received it as a gift in 1948. Allegedly this hotel enjoys the same extraterritorial rights as an Embassy

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BELLEVUE
CHOPIN
CENTRAL

- at present vacant; window panes broken.
- a Czechoslovak Military Health Institute.
- occupied by Russians in mufti. The hotel bears a large red star and inscription "MAISAKOVA" (the name of the leader of some Russian women's movement).
- burned down towards the end of February 1955. Formerly occupied by Russians in mufti.
- formerly a well-known tourist center boasting a funicular railway. At present the home of the Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship Society.

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FREUNDSCHAFTSHOEHE

2. Mood and Appearance of the Population.

the lack of foodstuffs, especially meat, about the bad quality of textiles, and about high prices in general. sharp and open criticism of the supply situation.

Openly, however, they do not dare to voice their political opinions, fearing denunciation and persecution. The people's attitude towards the USSR and the Russians is negative and people blame all the shortages and high prices on the Soviet exploitation of the CSR. It is generally assumed that most of the production of the country is shipped to the USSR which gives nothing or very little in return. The people are downcast even in their appearance and most of them are shabbily dressed.

eight out of every ten people wore identical shabby clothes, including women.

3. Prices of Typical Commodities.

As examples of prices of daily necessities or typical commodities,

1 kg of butter mixture (40% butter, 60% margarine) 30.- Kcs
1 kg of pure butter 42.- Kcs
1 kg of ham 140.- Kcs
1 kg of lowest quality sausage 24.- Kcs
1 kg of better quality sausage 80.- Kcs
3 kg of bread (brown) 7.50 Kcs
50 g of chocolate 7.50 Kcs
1 kg of meat	...26-40.- Kcs
	according to quality
1 pair of women's perlon stockings 25.- Kcs
1 men's suit	...1,000.- Kcs
	and up according to quality
1 ladies' leather purse	..120-160.- Kcs
1 pair of men's leather gloves 45.- Kcs
1 set of women's perlon underwear (two pieces)	..95-110.- Kcs

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